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S. 1201

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2017

Mrs. McCASKILL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Health Care Options
5 for All Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS IN AREAS**
2 **WITHOUT ANY AVAILABLE EXCHANGE PLANS.**

3 Part 2 of subtitle D of title I of the Patient Protec-
4 tion and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18031 et seq.)
5 is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 1314. ACCESS TO COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS IN**
7 **AREAS WITHOUT ANY AVAILABLE EXCHANGE**
8 **PLANS.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

10 “(1) COVERAGE THROUGH DC SHOP EX-
11 CHANGE.—Not later than 3 months after the date of
12 enactment of this section, the Secretary, in consulta-
13 tion with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Di-
14 rector of the Office of Personnel Management, shall
15 establish a mechanism to ensure that, for any plan
16 year beginning on or after the date described in sub-
17 section (c), any individual described in paragraph
18 (2) may enroll in health insurance coverage in the
19 small group market through the Exchange operating
20 in the District of Columbia, including the health in-
21 surance coverage that is available to Members of
22 Congress and congressional staff (as defined in sec-
23 tion 1312(d)(3)(D)).

24 “(2) INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED.—An individual
25 described in this paragraph is any individual who—

1 “(A) is eligible to purchase health insur-
2 ance coverage through the Exchange operating
3 in the State of residence of the individual; and

4 “(B) resides in a rating area or county in
5 which the Secretary certifies that no qualified
6 health plan is offered through an Exchange es-
7 tablished under this title.

8 “(b) PREMIUM ASSISTANCE TAX CREDITS AND
9 COST-SHARING.—Any individual described in subsection
10 (a)(2) who enrolls in health insurance coverage through
11 the Exchange operating in the District of Columbia pursu-
12 ant to subsection (a)(1) shall be eligible for any premium
13 tax credit under section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code
14 of 1986, or reduced cost-sharing under section 1402, that
15 the individual would otherwise be eligible for if enrolling
16 in health insurance coverage in the individual market
17 through the Exchange operating in the State of the indi-
18 vidual.

19 “(c) DATE DESCRIBED.—The date described in this
20 subsection is the date on which the Secretary establishes
21 the mechanism under subsection (a)(1).”.

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